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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All the works which have been included in the first plan are being carried out or have been carried out. So, there is no question of leaving out any scheme."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that in the matter of providing drinking water wells, a twenty-five per cent contribution towards the cost is demanded from the people and if so, will the Government be pleased to convert this contribution in cash into one of labour and give the work to local village contractors less twenty-five per cent of the total cost to solve the difficulty of cash payment by the villagers and thus secure the execution of the work by the villagers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question does not arise out of the main question but still I may assure the hon. Member that this twenty-five per cent contribution includes labour contribution also."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" ஸார், ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தின்கீழ் மாகாண சர்க்கார் செலவிடவேண்டிய விகிதாசாரத்திற்கு வேண்டிய தொகைக்காக வரியை உயர்த்தித்தான் செலவிடவேண்டும் என்று மத்திய சர்க்கார் மாகாண சர்க்காருக்கு யோசனை கூறியிருக்கிறதா † அப்படியிருந்தால் அந்த யோசனைகள் என்ன, என்பதை தெரிவிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no particular condition laid down that we should increase any tax. But as far as the betterment levy is concerned, we have received a communication from the Planning Commission, that it should be put through."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have any schemes been drawn up specifically for reducing unemployment and if so, what amount has been spent on such schemes so far? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is rather a vague question. Every scheme taken on hand adds to the employment figures and every scheme completed and put into operation means further employment. All schemes go to solve the problem of unemployment but if the hon. Member wants to know whether we have drawn up any specific scheme for relieving unemployment, I may inform him that no such specific scheme could be drawn up. They can only be general schemes."

Appointment of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 403 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies as on 31st March 1954 were directly recruited and how many of them were promoted from lower ranks; and

(*b*) how many of them are Christians and how many of them are non-Christians?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Number of Deputy Registrars directly recruited as on 31st March 1954—8.

Number of Deputy Registrars promoted from the rank of Co-operative Sub-Registrars—54.

" (b) (i) Of the 8 direct recruits, none is a Christian.

(ii) of the 54 promotees, nine are Christians and the rest (45) are non-Christians."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Who makes the direct recruitment and who makes promotions from the lower ranks? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Direct recruitment is made by the Madras Public Service Commission. Promotions of Co-operative Sub-Registrars as Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies are made from the list of persons drawn up by the Commission in the order of preference on the recommendation of the Registrar and approved by Government."

Appointment of Overseers of the Harijan Welfare Department as Minor Irrigation Overseers.

* 404 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the services of the Overseers of the Harijan Welfare Department in each district are taken into account when they are promoted as Minor Irrigation Overseers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) Under the rules the temporary Overseers working in the Harijan Welfare Department are eligible for appointment by transfer as Minor Irrigation Overseers. Their services in the Harijan Welfare Department are therefore taken into account when they are appointed as Minor Irrigation Overseers."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" ஸார், தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லா ஹரிஜன நலக் காரியாலயத்தில் வேலை செய்த ஸ்ரீ கோபாலகிருஷ்ணன் என்ற ஓவர்சீயர் மைனர் இரிகேஷன் ஓவர்சீயராக சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறார். அவருடைய ஜில்லா முன்னேற்ற ஆபீஸில் வேலைசெய்த சர்வீஸை M.I.O. சர்விசுடன் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ள அரசாங்கம் யோசனை செய்யுமா ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட நபரைப்பற்றிய கேள்வியை நீங்கள் கேட்கிறீர்களே ! "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the various Government servants working under the District Harijan Welfare Officers are employees of the Revenue Department and not the Harijan Welfare Department? "